

Joseph Collins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Joseph Collins came from Ireland and was in Eastham before 1670. He was the first Collins in Eastham. He married Ruth Knowles, daughter of Richard Knowles, in 1672. They had nine children from 1673 to 1690. Joseph served the town as juror and constable. Ruth died in 1714 and Joseph died in 1724. Both most likely are buried in unmarked graves in Eastham Cove Burying Ground.

1681

Granted to Joseph Collins twelve acres of upland on the east side of Spectacle Pond. Bounds were indicated by marked oak trees. PDF A282, P44, S83.

1696

Granted to Joseph Collins five acres as an addition to the other land where he had his house and barn. The land addition ran southwest from his barn to the cartway or common highway. PDF A282, P75, S95.

1703

Granted to Joseph Collins a parcel of meadow at Lieutenant Island. The land was next to a creek and bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. The pole dimensions indicate the parcel was about three acres. PDF A282, S95.

1711

Granted to Joseph Collins Sr., Joseph Collins Jr., Jabez Snow, George Brown Jr., Edward Knowles and Isaac Higgins a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. The pole dimensions indicate the lot was about seven acres. PDF T86.

Granted to Joseph Collins about four acres for his plain lot on the westerly side of Spectacle Pond near his dwelling house. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T120.

Granted to Joseph Collins and his heirs three parcels of land with a total of six acres for his wood lot. Two acres were next to his meadow on Lieutenant Island. Two acres were on Lieutenant Island on the northern side of Isaac Pepper's wood lot. Two acres were adjoining his land where he lived near Spectacle Pond. PDF T120.

Granted to Joseph Collins and his heirs four acres near the Grapevine Swamp and on the westerly side of land of Josiah Harding. PDF T125.

Granted to Joseph Collins and his heirs six acres for his wood lot on the westerly side of William Walker's plain lot and near the cartway. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T125.

1715

Granted to Joseph Collins and his heirs a lot near the house of John Collins and on the westerly side of the cartway which goes from Stephen Atwood's house towards Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stones. The lot dimensions were about 112 pole by twenty-four pole which would be about seventeen acres. PDF T240.

Granted to Joseph Collins a wood lot next to the lot of Isaac Higgins and next to the cartway that goes to William Brown's. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. Lot dimensions were about sixty-eight pole by forty pole which would be about seventeen acres. PDF T278.

The Eastham land owned by Joseph Collins described in these records amounts to about seventy-five acres. By 1745 four more Collins received Eastham land grants.